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EDITORIAL

OF all those who are present at the Unitarian headquarters during Anniversary Week the executive officers of the American Unitarian Association are most completely debarred from the privileges of the occasion. For months previously they have been developing their own and adjusting the programmes of other organizations, so as to offer the greatest possible number of opportunities to visiting ministers and delegates. When Monday morning arrives the rooms begin to resound with the hum of welcome voices and the offices of the President and Secretary are besieged by those who desire interviews on matters of local importance, or come to exchange the greetings of longtime friends and fellow-workers.

At the reception there is opportunity for only the friendly handgrasp and a few moments of social intercourse and then on Tuesday morning the business meetings of the Association in Tremont Temple are on, and from that time until Saturday it is a rapid and strenuous succession of official duties, including the annual session of the Board, preceded by the meetings of a long list of Committees, during which the budgets of the whole year are considered in detail and appropriations made for our national and international work.

The officers of the Association cannot attend the meetings of other organizations, much as they might wish to do so; and when the following Monday arrives with its quietness, accentuated by the thought of departed hosts, Anniversary Week over and past is a confused memory, like that of the prophet: "Oh, the uproar of many peoples, which roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters."

BUT, so far as it was such, it was a welcome "uproar." There were many questions discussed touching not only the organic welfare of our churches and the Association but bearing as well upon the vital principles of our faith. To sit on the platform during the business meetings of Tuesday and Wednesday and watch the faces of the audience was, in itself, a liberal education in psychology. All the emotions of a highly intelligent religious body were exhibited there and nothing was more apparent than the utter futility of any attempt to stampede or control a

Unitarian audience by anything but common sense, fairness and the spirit of sympathetic comradeship. Consequently, when votes were passed they were passed as they should be, when criticisms were offered they were candidly received, when words of appreciation were uttered they found a genuine response in the hearts of the delegates and friends, and while during some of the proceedings the air was electric with interest and even with anxiety, invariably our never-failing Unitarian good sense prevailed, bringing forth a better understanding all around and a disposition to give everyone the credit of seeking the highest welfare of our common cause.

TO the Hospitality Committee a vote of thanks is due from the entire denomination. This Committee is a group of men and women who undertake each year to furnish entertainment for visiting ministers and their wives who come from a distance of forty or more miles from headquarters. A large sum of money is required to provide such hospitality and it is generously contributed by the churches in and near Boston. Women from various churches also volunteer to serve at the tables at Bulfinch Place Chapel where hundreds congregate at the noon hour and where, this year, 1,954 lunches were served.

NO one who attended the Anniversary service on Tuesday evening and the Layman's Meeting on the evening of Wednesday will feel that the Unitarian body has lost its power to understand and emphasize the great spiritual needs of the age. The sermon by Dr. Crothers was an expression of universal sympathies. It stated clearly the inefficiency of a church which does not take its share of responsibility in the amelioration of social conditions; but there was also a recognition of the fact that the sources of spiritual power must not be consciously abandoned.

THERE were two matters brought to the attention of our Unitarian body during Anniversary Week which were of exceptional importance. The first was the financial policy of the Association, and the second was the proposed removal of the Meadville Theological School to Chicago.

Concerning the first of these two subjects there ought to be a better understanding among the individuals and churches that belong to the Association. To this end let us hope an adequate circular or pamphlet may be prepared by the Committee on Finance and then that it be distributed and read by Unitarians everywhere. If it is a matter of honor that the principals of bequests and gifts be kept inviolate, let us all understand why it is a matter of honor. Let it be known that already a considerable amount of the large endowment of the Association is in the form of non-interest bearing titles to real estate in the service of churches throughout the land. For if there is one thing more than another that will bear the frankest kind of publicity it is that part of our work which is under the immediate supervision of our veteran Treasurer, Francis H. Lincoln.

IN regard to Meadville, the School will remain in its present locality. Thus it was decided by a tie vote of the trustees present at the annual meeting on May 31, and by

a majority of the entire Board. Two considerations may convince everyone that this is, on the whole, the wisest conclusion of the matter. If a small majority in favor of the removal had prevailed it would have been necessary to inaugurate a systematic campaign for a large fund, and secondly it is also probable that a prolonged effort to surmount the legal barriers might have resulted in great injury to the School if not to the entire denomination.

As matters now stand there is no reason why all the Alumni and friends of the School should not join with President Southworth to make Meadville a stronger School and better attended than ever before. Meadville need offer no apologies for its past or present condition. Its standard is high, its faculty efficient and its equipment is ample for the training of young men for the practical ministry. It needs the generous loyalty and friendly approval of the Unitarian body at large. It also needs publicity and what other theological schools possess, something like a systematic and sustained effort to bring its existence and its merits to the attention of the churches, and the young men who desire to enter the liberal ministry. Let's all turn to, now, and do our best in word and deed for the beautiful School of the Prophets on Chestnut Hill.

ANNIVERSARY WEEK ended as usual this year with the Festival in Tremont Temple on Friday evening. These festivals began with the year 1840 and have been notable annual events in the Unitarian Fellowship ever since. The laymen of Boston have thus extended for over seventy years their generous hospitality to the ministers and their wives. This year the programme was under the general direction of Mr. W. Rodman Peabody, who in a very graceful speech introduced the presiding officer for the evening, Charles W. Ames, Esq., of Saint Paul, Minnesota. The speeches were especially appropriate after so strenuous a week —without exception filled with sallies of wit and words of wisdom, full of good cheer and optimism, and virile with an adequate appreciation of all that Unitarianism stands for. In Mr. Beatley's welcome to the ministers the laymen gave expression to their desire for sympathetic co-operation in all that our ministry represents, and in Mr. Coil's reply the ministers of our body gave a sincere expression to their appreciation. Each speech seemed to be the best possible, and in the final words of Judge Cornish everyone experienced a sense of satisfaction, not only in the exercises of the evening, but in the entire programme of the week. It was good to receive the inimitable greetings of the British and Foreign Association through the Rev. Matthew R. Scott, and to hear from Mr. Joseph C. Lincoln of Hackensack, New Jersey, a broad, generous conception of the Unitarian message. All together the week was a notable one, and it should have a stimulating effect upon the entire denomination.

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Ministerial Personals.

Rev. O. E. Duerr has declined a call to Chicopee and accepted a call to Melrose, Mass. Rev. E. L. Houghton has accepted a call to Norwell, Mass. Rev. M. R. Scott will take charge for the summer of the work at Winnipeg, Manitoba, while Mr. A. J. Pineo takes charge at Vancouver, B. C., and Rev. S. E. Lindridge at Victoria, B. C. Rev. F. R. Sturtevant has resigned at Channing Church, Dorchester, to accept a call to Taunton.

Department Reports.

This month the Association's section of WORD AND WORK is almost wholly made up of the following abridgements of the reports of the heads of departments, these abstracts being in nearly all cases, for want of space, extremely fragmentary and incomplete, giving only the briefest statements of the most important features of the year's work in each department; and, as reports of work done, there are no references to recommendations made for the coming year. These departmental reports will appear in amplified form in the Annual Report for 1911.

Publication Department.

1. *Tract and Book Donations*: The total printing and distribution of tracts for the past year has amounted to 475,675 copies, as against 542,500 for the year 1909-10. The printing for the two preceding years was respectively 364,000 and 387,000. Of the Social Service Series, 62,500 copies have been printed during the year. Of the Memorable Sermons 20,000 copies have been printed, 17,000 of the International Series, and of the regular series 376,175. Twelve new tracts have been issued in the regular series during the year, which, with the ten published on account of the Social Service Department, makes an increase of twenty-two tract titles for the year. The total number of free pamphlets in the Tract Catalogue is now 317. Of Channing's "Discourses and Essays" 104 copies have been given to settled ministers and theological students. To twelve libraries have been presented parcels of books.

2. *Books*: Eight books have been added to the list of publications during the year, seven being new, and one acquired from another publishing house. Besides these, three additional volumes in the Centenary Edition of Theodore Parker's Works have been issued. Of old and new books together, 8,936 have been sold, with 2,109 hymn and service books, making a total of 11,045 volumes, as against 12,505 last year. The same relative number of copies of new books have been sold, the falling off having been due to the publishing of two titles less than in the year preceding.

The total expenses of the book publication end of the business, to which is charged the entire amount of the Publication Agent's salary, have been $8,930.15, with a loss on the year's business of $82.21.

3. *Unitarian Calendar*: Beside the General Edition, 54 local editions of the *Unitarian Calendar* have been printed for the churches each month except July and August. At the be-

ginning of the *Calendar* year in September, 30 churches subscribed for it, and 24 additional churches have become subscribers during the course of the winter. During the last portion of the year the entire number of *Calendars* printed each month has been nearly 11,000, the total distribution for the year aggregating 88,075, including the general edition. The total expense for the *Calendar* during the fiscal year has been $2,149.14, and the income $2,376.35, making a profit of $227.21.

4. WORD AND WORK: An important departure in the method of the publication of WORD AND WORK was made in the autumn of 1910, whereby an editorial department was added, a colored cover adopted, and two more of the national societies joined those already represented, — the Sunday-School Society coming in at the beginning of the new WORD AND WORK year, and the Temperance Society with the December issue. The total number printed of each issue has been about 5,500 copies, and the distribution approximately that number. The whole number printed for the year, exclusive of the June, 1911, issue, has been 42,700. An editorial board, representing all of the societies having departments in WORD AND WORK, has met regularly each month to discuss and pass upon questions of general policy. The expense of publishing WORD AND WORK for the year, exclusive of the June issue, has been $2,034.96, and the receipts from subscriptions and sales have been $1,649.07, leaving a deficit for the financial year of $340.89.

Viewed as a whole, with profits of $227.21 on the *Calendar*, $340.89 loss on WORD AND WORK, and $82.21 loss on book publications, the total net deficiency for the year is $195.89, on expenses aggregating $13,114.25.

Department of Foreign Relations.

The past year has witnessed the convening of the Fifth Congress of the International Council of Unitarian and Other Liberal Religious Thinkers and Workers in Berlin, Germany, August 5 to 10, 1910, which enrolled over two thousand members, belonging to thirty different nationalities and sixty church fellowships, and was addressed by over one hundred and fifty different speakers in the German, English and French tongues. The Berlin meetings were successful beyond the most sanguine expectations of the committee, both in public attendance and interest and the admirable spirit which prevailed throughout.

By request of the President of the American Unitarian Association a careful selection was made of the foreign causes more especially appealing to Unitarians for sympathy and aid. Five of these were commended to the Unitarian churches of America, viz.: 1. The work of the International Congress. 2. Co-operation with foreign liberal religious journals in advertising our principles and literature. 3. The educational and social work of the Brahmo Somaj in India. 4. The inauguration of Unitarian work in Italy. 5. The erection by international effort of a memorial chapel over the grave of Faustus Socinus in Poland. A circular setting forth these objects and asking for contributions was recently sent to the Unitarian churches of the United States, thus far with but slight response. We trust that these worthy causes may meet with the consideration and support they deserve.

The work of the one mission sus-

tained by our denomination in foreign lands, that in Tokio, Japan, under the wise and able guidance of Rev. Clay MacCauley, is taking on new promise of usefulness. The necessary withdrawal from our service of Mr. Saichiro Kanda, after twenty-three years of faithful and fruitful endeavor, is greatly regretted. He carries with him the warm regard and gratitude of his fellow-workers. Rev. S. Uchigasaki, lately a student at Oxford, England, has accepted the office of minister of the Unitarian Society in Tokio, and will soon begin his new work. Striking occurrences in the life of our Japanese Mission during the past year were the Theodore Parker commemoration, held last spring in Unity Hall, in which Japanese representatives of several denominations participated; and more recently at the same place the sessions of a Congress of Liberal Christians, organized under the stimulus and after the pattern of the Berlin meetings last summer. At this Congress addresses were made by eminent Japanese thinkers and orators, university professors, editors and statesmen, as well as by native Japanese clergymen belonging to Congregational, Unitarian, Universalist, Methodist, German Evangelical and other Christian bodies. Prominent representatives of the Buddhist, Shinto, and other Oriental cults also discussed with their Christian friends the fundamental principles of religion and morality. A more notable and significant religious gathering has never, perhaps, been held in Japan in modern times.

Foreign demands for our literature, and appeals for counsel and brotherly service increase. Recently such letters have been received from countries as wide apart as Brazil, Roumania, Liberia, Sierra, Leone, Australia, Syria, India, and Italy.

Department of Church Extension.

During the past year aid has been granted under the direction of various committees of the Board of Directors to upwards of 80 churches, missions, and preaching stations. These are situated, 24 in the New England States, 16 in the Middle States and Canada, 11 in the Western States, 8 in the Southern States, 6 in the Rocky Mountain States, 12 in the Pacific States, 4 in the Canadian Northwest. These appropriations do not include those administered by the Department of New Americans and the Education Department.

The officers of the Association have personally visited practically all of the aided churches, and many of the other societies. Some of the journeys of the officers have been very extended. The President has been constantly in the field, preaching every Sunday and endeavoring to enlarge the efficiency and deepen the religious life of the churches. The Secretary, in the fall, visited all the State Conferences in the West, and all the churches in the Rocky Mountain Department, and in the spring he spoke in all the churches of the seaboard Southern cities. The Field Secretaries have covered their respective departments, and in addition Mr. Brown made a long journey in the Central West. Mr. Wilbur, on the Pacific coast, has visited every church in the Department and journeyed from Vancouver in the North to San Diego in the South. Mr. Pratt, in the Canadian Northwest, has visited all the churches in his Department and held many missionary meetings in new centers. The Department Secretaries, Mr. Wendte, Mr. Forbes and Mr. Foote, have also made long and frequent journeys, so that, with the lectures on the Billings Foundation, the

representatives of the Association have covered practically the entire country.

New work has been done during the past year in a large number of towns and cities, such as Tacoma, Puyallup and Sedro, Washington; Sacramento and Hanford, California; San Antonio and Fort Worth, Texas; Memphis, Tenn.; Washington Heights, N. Y., and Jersey City, N. J. The usual circuits have been maintained in Eastern North Carolina and in Northern Michigan. The work at Chautauqua has been carried through another successful year. An interesting new church has been organized among the colored people in Boston, and missionary services have been held in such places as Evanston and Mattoon, Ill., Savannah and Macon, Ga., Waco and Austin, Texas, Shreveport, La., Sanford and St. Augustine, Fla., in the Richmond district of San Francisco, and in Edmonton and many other centers in the Canadian Northwest.

New church buildings have been erected at Lynn and Chestnut Hill, Mass., Potter Place, N. H., Bendon, Mich., Indianapolis, Ind., Springvale and Dalbo, Minn., Fresno, Woodland, Eureka and San Diego, Cal. New buildings are now in process of erection at West Somerville, Marblehead, and Cambridgeport, Mass., and Duluth, Minn. Parish houses have been completed at Rochester, N. Y., and Madison, Wis., and an addition made to the parish house of the Westminster Church at Providence. The Societies at Framingham and Plymouth, Mass., have secured good parsonages.

Publicity Department. The Publicity Department during the past year has laid special emphasis upon bringing our Unitarian principles before the people of the country through short advertisements of our free literature in a number of magazines and other periodicals. Many inquiries have come which have led to a wider distribution of our literature; while scores of letters have reached us from those to whom Unitarianism has wrought a spiritual and intellectual deliverance.

We have assisted many of the new churches by announcing their services, and locally advertising the various enterprises, and where missionary meetings have been held in various parts of the country, this Department has attended to the printing of announcements and notices of platform meetings and special Unitarian lectures and sermons.

The following ministers have found the co-operation of the Publicity Department available during the year in their efforts to bring our Unitarian message before many people to whom it was unknown: Reverends H. H. Lloyd in Georgia, A. J. Coleman in Florida, George Gilmour in Texas, Arthur L. Weatherly in Nebraska, F. M. Bennett in Kansas, John W. Rowlett in Texas, Amandus Norman in Minnesota, Risto Lappala in Michigan, John A. Cruzan in California.

Department of New Americans. 1. The most recent venture in the direction of spreading our work and influence among the new Americans is that of the Rev. Risto Lappala among the Finnish colonies. Mr. Lappala has established his headquarters at Duluth, Minn., but previously to his arrival there he visited many of the Finnish colonies in New England and translated two Unitarian tracts into the Finnish language for distribution among his people. He has held regular services in Duluth, organized with Mrs. Lappala's assistance a Sunday school, and lectured

many times in the towns and cities of Central Minnesota and Northern Michigan. Already preliminary steps have been taken towards a definite organization, and there is excellent promise of the establishment of a liberal church under Mr. Lappala's guidance in the course of a year or so.

2. The work among the Norwegians in Minnesota and Wisconsin continues under the efficient and painstaking leadership of Rev. Amandus Norman, who makes his headquarters at Hanska, Minn., and semi-annually visits the other Norwegian Unitarian churches, or groups of Norwegian Unitarians.

3. Among the Icelanders in Manitoba our work has made substantial progress during the year. Three preachers are now regularly employed, and the seven Societies at Winnipeg, Gimli, Arnes, Foam Lake, Huansa, Lake Manitoba and Shoal Lake, constitute the Icelandic Unitarian Conference. The district continues to be under the direction of the Rev. Rognvaldur Petursson, with headquarters at Winnipeg. The strongest of these churches is at Winnipeg, and the Rev. Gudmundur Arnason is the minister; while the Rev. Albert E. Kristjannson preaches at Gimli and other points. A gratifying financial condition is reported, especially at Winnipeg, where a considerable increase of pledges has been made for the work of the coming year.

4. The Rev. August Dellgren continues his work in Chicago among the Swedes, and Rev. David Holmgren leads two Swedish Unitarian Societies in Isanti County, Minn. The faithful services thus far rendered fully justify the financial outlay and the expenditure of patient effort and Christian sympathy.

5. Steady progress has been made in the work under the direction of Mr. Francis P. Malgeri among the Italians of Boston and the vicinity. The work in which he is engaged is exceedingly difficult, and while those whom he has benefited and who understand his purpose are grateful beyond expression for the services he renders, he is equally opposed and condemned by the irresponsible and criminal people of his own race, whose only aim is to undermine the welfare and oppose the progress of thousands who come among us with honest purpose and industrious habits.

Department of Comity and Fellowship.

This Department seeks to promote friendliness and co-operation between the liberal denominations of the United States, and among the progressive members of all denominations. Our first task is to bring together for mutual counsel and service the avowedly liberal bodies like the Unitarians, Universalists, the Liberal Friends, German Evangelicals, and others, and in this meritorious endeavor we have been measurably successful. Besides these, however, there is an increasing number of persons in the community, both lay and clerical, who belong to religious bodies considered orthodox in their traditions and creeds, who are yet individually free-minded and progressive in opinion. To furnish these different liberal elements with enlarged opportunities for mutual acquaintance and regard, to aid them unitedly to advance the interests of freedom, fearlessness, breadth and progress in religion—such is the aim of our Committee on Comity and Fellowship.

This Department has co-operated earnestly during the past year as before in the calling and conduct of large

interdenominational meetings in this country inspired by the ideals of religious freedom, fellowship and progress. The first opportunity for this was presented by the occurrence of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth and the fiftieth of the death of Theodore Parker, both of which fell within the year 1910. A large number of meetings was held in various cities and towns of the United States, as well as in Europe and Asia. These meetings were participated in not only by Unitarians and other liberal Christians, but by many members of churches which, fifty years ago, held Parker in holy horror as an infidel and a disturber of the peace.

One of the most notable of these commemorations was that held in Philadelphia on May 10th and 11th, under the auspices of the National Federation of Religious Liberals. Another and even more notable gathering in honor of Parker was held in Chicago in October, 1910, under the auspices of the Congress of Religion and other affiliated associations. The meetings held in many churches and halls of the city lasted nearly a week. Similar commemorations were held in New York, Rochester and Meadville, as well as in London, Budapest, Florence, Tokio, Calcutta and other cities at home and abroad.

The most recent and the most impressive of these interdenominational and inter-religious gatherings was the Third Congress of the National Federation of Religious Liberals, held in New York City the latter part of April. Its central theme was "Unity, and the Way to it," which was treated from the standpoints of religious, industrial, national, international and racial unity. The speakers were prominent members of the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Disciple, as well as the Universalist, Unitarian, Friend, Ethical Culture, German Evangelical, Jewish and other fellowships.

Department of Education.

The Secretary has visited the churches in the following college towns: Berkeley, Cal., Eugene, Ore., Iowa City, Ia., Ithaca, N. Y., Lincoln, Neb., Palo Alto, Cal., and Urbana, Ill. These, and our other college town churches, continue to do an invaluable work in spreading liberal religion. In practically every instance they show a steady, if often slow, increase in financial strength, and a corresponding gain in effectiveness. The church at Madison, Wis., became wholly self-supporting last May. Four other of the college town churches have during the year past increased the minister's salary, a commendable action. The most significant innovation of the year has been the appropriation of $700 from the educational budget of the Association, and $500 from the treasury of the Young People's Religious Union for the employment of student assistants by our ministers in the churches at Ann Arbor, Iowa City, Ithaca, Lawrence, Lincoln, Madison, and Urbana.

The ministers of our college town churches in the Middle West have been able to come together twice during the year to talk over their especial problems with the Secretary, once at the Western Unitarian Conference in May, 1910, once at the Interdenominational Conference of Church and Guild Workers in State Universities at Urbana, Ill., on Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 1911. These informal gatherings for the exchange of views have proved of great value. It is worth noting also that our representatives took a very creditable part in the Interdenominational Con-

ference at Urbana, of which Rev. R. S. Loring was Vice-President.

In October and November the Secretary visited a number of schools in the South in which the Association, or individual Unitarians, have an interest. Of these schools, those maintained by the National Alliance at Swansboro and Shelter Neck, N. C., and the Southern Industrial Institute at Camp Hill, Alabama, are for white boys and girls. The schools at Shelter Neck and Swansboro have recently been placed together under a Board, incorporated under the name of the Carolina Industrial School, with Dr. Samuel A. Eliot as president, Mr. Percy A. Atherton as treasurer, and Mrs. A. A. Peterson as secretary. The schools for blacks visited were the Manassas Industrial Institute, Virginia; the Port Royal Agricultural School and the Penn School on St. Helena Island, South Carolina; Atlanta University; Tuskegee Institute; Calhoun Colored School at Calhoun, and the Snow Hill Industrial Institute at Snow Hill, Alabama. At the Meadville Theological School and the Pacific Unitarian School for the Ministry interesting plans for the development of larger and more effective work are under discussion, and will doubtless be presented in due season by those in authority.

The funds of the Association available for students intending to enter our ministry have been increased by the establishment of the Elizabeth Lyman Bullard Fund. From this fund, amounting to $3,500, established by generous friends of the late Mrs. Stephen H. Bullard, loans may be made to students who need further preliminary training before entering our theological schools. This is a welcome addition to our resources.

The Association has been able this year to send out an unusual number of Billings Lecturers, who have visited every section of the country. In New England Mrs. C. B. Beatley, Rev. Minot Simons of Cleveland, Rev. U. G. B. Pierce of Washington, and Rev. Bradford Leavitt of San Francisco have made short tours. Rev. Austin S. Garver of Worcester took a four months' journey in the South Atlantic States, and Rev. Adelbert L. Hudson a journey of similar length in the Southwest. Rev. Charles F. Dole visited the college towns in the Middle West, and Rev. J. E. Wright visited the Canadian and the Pacific Northwest. The Secretary of the Department of Education has made a journey to the Pacific coast, visiting several Colorado churches, and Phoenix, Ariz., on his way out, and some of our churches in the Northwest on his return trip.

Department of Social and Public Service.

Within the last year the work of the Department has been extended and intensified; the earlier forms of activity have been continued, and the field of effort has been entered in several new directions.

1. *As a bureau of information.* Increasing use has been made of the office of the Department. Inquiries have been constantly received respecting different phases of social service, and the Secretary has given much of his time to consultation upon these matters.

2. *The Library.* Because of the demand for funds in other directions there have been comparatively few additions to the lending library of the Department. It now includes over two hundred volumes and pamphlets, and while generally representative within its chosen limits, it is particularly strong in books and reports dealing with the problems of housing.

3. *Lecture Courses.* Noting the increased use which some of the churches are making of the six weeks preceding Easter as a time for special attention to the things of the spirit and to the needs of the common life, the Department suggested the following course of lectures, together with a list of speakers, as dealing with important and timely subjects: New Americans in New England; The workingman's house and home; The schoolhouse as a neighborhood centre; The social value of the playground and the dance; The next step in education; The Church and the new social conscience. The experiment has proved successful, and the lectures have awakened much interest.

4. *The Social Service Bulletin.* This monthly publication of the Department has won great popular favor. Of the ten numbers of the last year five have been reprints from magazines and the reports of societies, and five have been original contributions. The subject matter of the *Bulletin* has been fresh and up-to-date, and nothing like it seems to be published elsewhere. The demand is so great that it has been necessary to increase the initial edition from two thousand to five thousand, and the total number printed within the year has been 62,500.

5. *Social Conferences.* The Department has co-operated with churches and other organizations in arranging six social service institutes or conferences. They have been held in East Bridgewater, Rowe and Middleboro, Mass., Andover and Laconia, N. H., and Sanford, Maine. All have been successful, some of them exceptionally so. It would seem that here is a form of service in which many of our churches in the smaller towns might profitably engage. Such places have problems before them which are exceedingly difficult to solve. Experience has proved that these meetings accomplish much good and supply a needed impulse for social betterment that is not soon lost. The Secretary will be pleased to consult with any who may be interested in this form of service, and will mail specimen programs upon request.

6. *Housing Reform.* The subject of housing reform has recently become of national importance. The general opinion among those who are familiar with the situation has been well expressed by Mr. Alexander Johnson, the Secretary of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, who has declared it as his conviction that bad housing is the cause of more disease, intemperance, vice, degeneracy and crime, and, therefore, of more poverty, than all other causes combined. The improvement of bad living conditions strikes at the saloon, the brothel and the gambling den. It is a reform which should appeal strongly to the churches because it is so closely bound up with the moral issues in which they have always been concerned. The Secretary has given much of his time to the discussion of this problem; he has lectured upon it in some twenty-five of the churches of Massachusetts, and in every instance the response has been most gratifying. The campaign for better housing will be a long one in well nigh every state in the Union, and the issues involved are worthy of the best efforts of every Unitarian church.

Ministerial Aid.

From the income of the Ministerial Aid Fund, the Rebecca Warren Fund, and the Judah Monis Fund, aid to the amount of $6,368.12, has been given during the year to sixty ministers of our fellow-

ship and to four widows of ministers.

In accordance with the agreement entered into by the Directors of the Association, by which the Association acts as trustee of the funds of the Unitarian Service Pension Society, the Treasurer has, under the instruction of the Directors of that Society, distributed to the qualified beneficiaries the sum of $2,670.50.

During the year, chiefly through the activity of the President of the Association, a considerable addition has been made to the Endowment Fund of the Unitarian Service Pension Society. The Association, as Trustee for this Society, has received gifts and contributions for the permanent fund to the amount of $26,951.50, making the total endowment held in trust for this Society $70,606.50.

The funds which are available for the relief of ministers are four in number:

1. The Massachusetts Congregational Charitable Society holds a fund amounting to $347,337, of which the income is used to aid the widows and children of Congregational ministers, both Trinitarian and Unitarian, who have had settlement in Massachusetts.

2. The Society for Ministerial Relief holds a fund amounting to $227,000, of which the income is used to aid Unitarian ministers who have passed the age of 55 years, and who are in need of financial assistance.

3. The American Unitarian Association holds a fund called the Ministerial Aid Fund of which the capital amounts to $112,324.43, and the Rebecca Bennett Warren Fund, of which the capital amounts to $10,000.00, of which the income is used under the direction of a Committee of the Board of Directors for what may be regarded as emergency cases.

4. The Unitarian Service Pension Society undertakes to provide service pensions for all Unitarian ministers who are 65 years of age, and who have a record of at least 20 years of active and honorable service in the Unitarian Church. The Association holds in trust for this Society an endowment amounting to $70,606.50.

Church Building Loan Fund.

During the year the capital of the fund has been increased by the sum of $1,913.56, so that the principal now amounts to $150,588.94. Two societies have completed payments, and new loans to the amount of $42,300.00 have been made to eleven churches. These new loans have been made to churches in Hudson, Mass., Waverley, Mass., Dalbo, Minn., Alameda, Cal., Potter Place, N. H., West Somerville, Mass., Moline, Ill., Madison, Wis., Indianapolis, Ind., Fresno, Cal., and Attleboro, Mass., and additional loans to New Orleans, La., and Winthrop, Mass. There are now outstanding loans to sixty-three churches, and the total amount loaned since the foundation of the fund has been $497,980.00 in 186 loans.

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The June number of our Monthly Bulletin cannot contain anything more interesting than the reports of the anniversary meetings just over. The public meeting of the Alliance held at the South Congregational church on May 22, was as fully attended as ever although the day was called a "record breaker" for heat, and the Alliance hymn was sung to the accompaniment of waving fans.

Rev. Edward Cummings, pastor of the church, gave the cordial welcome the Alliance has come to expect, using his own happy words and adding some of the old welcome of Dr. Hale.

Rev. Margaret B. Barnard offered the opening prayer, after which Miss Low, the President, gave greetings to the branches assembled, from many parts of the country and spoke of Indianapolis and the recent Conference held there.

Three addresses followed, the first from Rev. Elizabeth Padgham of Rutherford, New Jersey, on the timely subject, "The Church and the Growing Girl." The advice given to parents to make themselves a part of the church and thus bring the girl to feel it a natural and important interest in her life, necessary for the development of her character was appreciated by all present, and was a needed word.

The second speaker was Rev. Fred A. Weil, who brought good news from one of the newest churches and Alliance branches in far off Washington. The church at Bellingham, as yet small, holds an assured position in spite of some adverse surroundings and much early opposition. Mr. Weil showed plainly the need of many more such churches and made the Alliance enthusiastic in its wish to help to found them.

Rev. Frederick R. Griffin, of Montreal, followed with the charmingly told story of one of the older churches in quite another part of the country. A church with entirely different atmosphere and traditions, and a people with characteristics and needs quite unlike those of the far northwest. The Unitarian Church in Montreal, although seventy years old, has still much to do to win full recognition for itself and its faith.

At the close of the meeting resolutions were passed of sincere greetings and warm remembrance to Mrs. Judith W. Andrews and Mrs. Sarah E. Hooper, always loyal friends of the Alliance and now unable to be present at public meetings.

An unfailing topic of conversation and a subject of serious consideration in Boston on Anniversary Week, is the weather and perhaps no one was surprised at a sudden drop of thirty degrees in the temperature and to be greeted on the 23d with a cold, raw east wind of the most pronounced type. It is somewhat consoling to know that our friends in England complain of the uncertainty

of the weather in this month and always expect year after year a "cold snap in the middle of May."

Undaunted the members of the Alliance again filled the South Congregational Church for the annual business meeting. The secretary and treasurer each presented a report for the past year, and the chairman of each standing committee told the story of its accomplishments since the last meeting. These reports will be printed in the Manual to be issued in October and are recommended to the attention of the branches. Each one is important and the suggestions in the reports should be heeded by every Alliance member.

At this meeting Vice-Presidents and Directors were elected for the coming two years. Three hundred and eighty ballots were received with the proper credentials and the voting was much more regular than ever before, but many ballots could not be counted as no credential card came with them, and nearly a dozen were received several days after the meeting had been held. Every election shows much improvement, but the directions do not yet seem full enough for all to understand and follow.

The following were elected:—

Vice-Presidents: New England, Caroline S. Atherton; Middle States and Canada—Bertha L. Sargent; Southern States—Hephzibah W. Churchill; Western States—Emma N. Delano; Rocky Mountains—Perlina S. Davis; Pacific Coast—Minerva M. Loomis.

For Directors: Maine—Mary A. Brown, Alberta G. Scott; New Hampshire—Mary A. Proctor, Effie L. Tufts, Emma Young; Vermont—Alice M. W. Richardson; Massachusetts—Alice C. Bartlett, Edith R. Day, Clara P. Friend, Harriet R. Holden, Sarah E. Hooper, Alice R. Keyes, Grace R. B. MacGowan, Elizabeth Marquand, Katherine H. McClench, Emily C. Morton, Sarah F. K. Nash, Abby A. Peterson, Sara A. Robbins, Caroline E. C. Saville, Alma F. Smith, Mary P. Wells Smith, Louise E. Standish; Rhode Island—Ellen T. Wilks; Connecticut—Annie C. S. Fenner; New York—Harriet B. Boynton, Emma J. Powers, Ida Slade, Marion G. Tracy; New Jersey—Kathleen W. Harding; Pennsylvania—Anna H. Howell; Maryland and District of Columbia—Annie S. Woodruff; Canada — S. Margaret Loud; Ohio—Fayetta Paine; Michigan—Ida A. Marks; Illinois—Sarah J. Jarvis; Wisconsin—Ethel Potter; Minnesota—Alice W. Child; Iowa—Faith J. West; Missouri—Elizabeth J. Stuyvesant; Kansas—Mary S. Learnard; Nebraska—Clara J. Weatherly; Colorado — Martha M. Keezar; Washington—Ellen E. Weil; Oregon—Grace M. Burt, Helen L. Bolster, Avis M. Stewart; California—Elizabeth G. Baurhyte, Lucy E. W. Stebbins.

During the counting of the ballots there was time for some informal conference and the opportunity was given to Mrs. Pierce of Washington, to make a plea for interest in the proposed new National church in that city. This bids fair to be one of the great undertakings of the denomination.

Mrs. Marks gave an account of the very successful Junior Alliance in Detroit, which is well organized and proves to be an active ally in all church work.

Miss Fanny Field moved that "a message of cordial greeting be sent from this assembly to the International Council of Liberal Women, which represents the women's organi-

zations of England, Germany and Hungary." The resolution was unanimously adopted.

It was unanimously voted that the friendly greetings of the Alliance should be sent to the British League of Unitarian Women, whose annual meetings will be held in the first week in June.

Announcement was made that Miss Helen F. Kimball, who was interested in the report of the Committee on College Girls, offered two sittings in the South Congregational Church to Unitarian girls coming to Boston as students. Application to be made to the minister, Mr. Cummings. Without doubt this generous offer will be accepted in the fall.

Since the last issue of WORD AND WORK a new branch has been formed at Potter Place, N. H. The work here is all new, church building, society, and Alliance branch and much interest is felt in the whole movement.

In April, at the sixty-fifth annual meeting of the Ladies' Union Circle of the Church of Our Father, East Boston, Mass., it was voted to join the National Alliance. This Union Circle has done much excellent work in past years and doubtless will add to its membership and to its usefulness by joining the larger body. These branches may be sure of the fellowship and good-will of all the rest.

An Associate Alliance has been formed including Geneseo, Sheffield and Buda, Illinois and Davenport, Iowa. It is called the Sheffield Associate Alliance and the secretary is Mrs. F. W. Morrasy, Sheffield.

The Ottawa Canada, Alliance has a short story in booklet form entitled "A Summer Santa Claus," price 15 cents, which it will be glad to sell to other branches. This story is especially suitable for children.

Annual Report of the Recording Secretary

The Alliance has come of age. It is a pleasure and a satisfaction to be able to report for the twenty-first time the continued success of the National Alliance.

A unique organization with methods peculiarly its own, its purpose broad and far-reaching but clearly defined, the twenty years have shown a steadfast adherence to its principles and uninterrupted progress.

This twenty-first year has not left us untouched. Since the last report the following changes have been made in the Executive Board:

Mrs. J. W. Sargent has been chosen as Vice-President of the Middle States, succeeding Mrs. J. P. Forbes who had done noble work both in Massachusetts and New York. The Vice-President of the Pacific Coast whom we had just come to know, was obliged to resign from ill-health. Mrs. E. H. Loomis of Portland, Oregon, has been chosen in her place, and perhaps better able to reach another section of the long coast. Mrs. Kenney, a New York Director for several years, an important member of the Board, resigned on account of continued absence abroad and Mrs. J. A. Powers is filling the place. One director from Massachusetts and the only one from Iowa, have been obliged to give up from pressure of other duties, and Mrs. Presson, the second Director for California, resigned on account of prolonged illness. The vacancy reported in Nebraska last year was filled by Mrs. Weatherly of Lincoln, and the State

of Washington was fortunate in securing as director, Mrs. Weil of Bellingham.

The regular monthly meetings of the Executive Board have been held at 25 Beacon street, Boston, with the usual exception of one, this year held in New York as recently reported. The average number present has been eighteen and the members are remarkably faithful, some coming a long distance and all devoting a whole day to the meeting. We, in Boston, who consider an occasional trip to New York an event to be prepared for, hardly realize the wear and tear of taking such a journey every month as our President and Corresponding Secretary expect to do, yet the Board meetings often include members from half a dozen states and Canada and the Director from Rhode Island has never missed a meeting in six years' service. We reluctantly part with her now, because she believes that another section of the state should be represented.

This widely scattered Board of fifty-eight members work well together under the efficient leadership of Miss Low, who has zealously maintained for ten eventful years the national character and aim of the Alliance. To each one is assigned a group of branches, to visit, if possible, to inform and guide and interest and to help when needed. No Unitarian church however new, however small, however far away from others need feel isolated or alone, for any member of the Alliance Board will put it in close communication and fellowship with others. If visits are impracticable, letters of sympathy and friendliness will be showered upon it and if needed, material help will be given.

Our Unitarian churches are so few that we sometimes wonder at the increasing growth of the Alliance and think they are all gathered in, but the number of branches added this year reaches ten and the Year Book shows many churches, even in New England, without a branch. There are also branches without churches. Some of these may grow into the larger organization, but others with no hope of such an outcome, will stand strong for liberal thought in their own community. Our effort should be to inincrease in membership, for in all of our great country only twenty-four States can gather the hundred members necessary to secure a director.

No more must be said of the branches or their work lest we encroach on the report of the corresponding secretary, yet I may say for the Executive Board that the reports received each month testify to the good work which the branches are doing and show how largely the churches everywhere are dependent upon the exertions of the women.

The committees of the Board will report each through its own chairman, but must be mentioned here.

The Post Office Mission extending and broadening its work each year continues to be the most absorbing and delightful activity of the Alliance, and one where the results seem always worth while. Under the guidance of the present efficient committee new channels for spreading our faith are opening in localities where churches may never stand but where individuals may be enlightened and helped.

The Cheerful Letter Exchange touches many who will not accept the responsibility of the Post Office Mission. There is much interesting correspondence and interchange of thought and feeling.

Very important is the Study Class

which is increasing among the branches. Reading some book and discussing some vital topic together is happily a growing custom. The Board has authorized this year the issue of a Leaflet on Social Problems, and a list of Forty Questions on Unitarian Belief which is proving as useful as a former Forty Questions on Unitarian Organizations. The Lending papers are in steady demand and the Lending Library gives invaluable assistance to Alliance members, study classes, Sunday school teachers and ministers. It is found that ministers of other denominations make constant use of this library, and many letters of grateful appreciation are received. This library supplements the tracts sent out by the Post Office Mission and should be more freely used by correspondents.

The Committee on College Girls and their Welfare, whose name does not express its whole purpose, has demonstrated its importance. Increasing benefit may be expected when the branches co-operate more fully and inform the committee when their girls leave for college. A church home can always be found in our larger cities, and wherever there is a church and Alliance the student will be welcomed.

In the purely Missionary work the policy of the Alliance remains unchanged. All appeals for assistance to churches are carefully investigated by a discriminating committee and reported upon to the Board. The Board considers the report and makes recommendations to the branches. Seven appeals have been thus presented this year. The Board also endorsed the raising of money for the statue to Edward Everett Hale, and for the preservation of the West Roxbury Meeting House, although these were not placed among the appeals. Each branch being entirely free to make its own appropriations, the money given in response to these seven appeals is but a small part of all the money raised.

The Missionary work in the southern circuits may be called the crowning glory of the Alliance. Seldom does any undertaking show appreciable results in so short a time. The chapels and schools have in every case proved a benefit to the community and the amelioration of hard conditions. More money might well be given and under the judicious care of the Southern committee every dollar would be advantageously spent. The American Unitarian Association assists in paying the salaries of two of the ministers employed by the Alliance.

Grace Chapel at Green Harbor, Massachusetts, continues to do credit to the Alliance and to justify the appropriations made to maintain a minister there.

Appeals for students at the Meadville Theological School and the Pacific School for the Ministry are always cheerfully met. Alliance members know the value of the training received and the great need of well-filled pulpits.

We can truly say that Alliance members have never lacked interest in the Sunday school, but this year a fresh effort has been made to improve them and to increase their efficiency and the Alliance board has appointed a National Committee to confer with the Sunday School Society and plan to promote its interests.

The little bulletin, WORD AND WORK, has grown into a magazine with cover, editorial pages and subscription list. Every branch has several copies free

and it would be well if every member would read it and note the contents, for thereby every woman would know not only what concerns the Alliance but what is doing in all other departments of the denomination, all of which are reported in the monthly paper.

The Executive Board strongly advocates Alliance visits for interchange of experiences and ideas. It believes in the Associate Alliance of which there are now fourteen, and in neighborhood meetings which are frequent. It has sent delegates to the Western Conference, the Middle States Conference and to the State Conferences and welcomed officers from the West, the Rocky Mountains, and Canada to meetings in New York and Boston.

The great event of the year was the International Congress at Berlin. Two members of the Executive Board from Massachusetts were present, reinforced by the director for Ohio and members of the Alliance from various branches. At the close of the Congress a meeting was held in London, at which it was decided to form an International Council of Women to help preserve the feeling of fellowship aroused by the Congress. It was desired that the Alliance should name a committee for this Council, from among its members and the following were accordingly appointed:— Miss Low, Mrs. St. John, Mrs. Wells-Smith and Mrs. H. H. Weller. These members will be ready to welcome all who visit America as members of the Council or as interested in the denomination.

The Alliance is indebted to Miss Marquand for albums of post cards and photographs illustrating the journey to Berlin and the places visited by the travelers to the Congress.

A committee has been appointed to consider the feasibility of preparing an illustrated lecture for use by the branches, showing not only Unitarian churches, but the interior of Sunday school rooms and Alliance rooms. No real effort has been made to accomplish this, but the committee still stands and will welcome suggestions.

Our relations with the British League continue most friendly. Here is just the place where an interchange of visits would be most profitable and helpful to all concerned. Although covering so small a territory and under different conditions the rapid growth of the League and its achievements in all lines of work similar to our own, have been really amazing. Their anniversary meetings are held early in June and the report of their successes will be watched for and eagerly read.

We announce with gratitude the generous bequest of the late Mrs. Mary W. McKittrick of St. Louis, whose death was recorded two years ago. Mrs. McKittrick was from the beginning an ardent advocate of the Alliance and served most efficiently as Western Vice President. What has held the Alliance together and given it momentum and stability, has been largely the impulse and energy of such members as Mrs. McKittrick, and while her gift is more than welcome it was not needed to keep her name in affectionate remembrance.

Such is the brief resume of the recording secretary for the year, the kind of report necessary for an incorporated body, showing what has been attempted and done by the Executive Board.

It is not yet a record of great accomplishments or of ideals realized. It is still one of many beginnings and plans to be more wisely developed and more thoroughly carried out as time goes on. So far the Alliance has brought both joys and privileges as well as responsibilities, but we still need light and strength and fresh courage to put our whole heart into the work.

There is much to be done for the growth of our organization, which does not yet count 20,000 members and for those 20,000 there is plenty to do in the religious and denominational life for which we stand.

There is still need of churches to do what liberal Christianity ought to do. There are still feeble churches, churches without ministers to be kept open and useful. There still remain frontier towns with little or no opportunity for religious lfie. There are whole communities, even in our own progressive country, needing intellectual and moral help, where real missionary effort can be as effectually put forth as in China or Africa, and where even the Post Office Mission has not yet reached.

Our Theological schools should be encouraged and maintained. With the newly awakened interest in the Sunday school their importance and necessity are increased, for if the seed is sown in one, the other helps to gather the harvest.

Unitarianism has done a great work, it has leavened a large mass, but its work is not yet done and it is for the Alliance to stand steadfast in the faith that has brought us here today and not to be alarmed by "liberal orthodoxy" or "socialism" or any other of the many expressions of religious belief which abound today.

Our past is recorded, today is full of promise, and the future challenges us to carry forward the Unitarian banner and to be worthy of the great responsibilities laid upon us.

Since our annual report was written we have learned of the death of Mrs. Mary B. Presson, the late Director for California. Mrs. Presson was the efficient and energetic manager of the Unitarian headquarters in San Francisco and always deeply interested in all that concerned the denomination. A loyal member of the Alliance, her service was cut short by the long illness which ended her life. She will be greatly missed and her place will be hard to fill.

Miss Maria Josephine Vickery of Fall River, Massachusetts and Mrs. Alfred J. Wilson of Newburgh, New York, have been added to the list of Life Members in the Alliance.

The address of the recordng secretary of the National Alliance is now 77 Morton Road, Milton, Massachusetts.

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Sunday School Institutes

As in previous years, there will be two Sunday School Institutes held this summer. The first in point of time will be the Institute for Religious Education at Meadville, Pa., from June 26 to July 10, inclusive. It is held under the direction of the Unitarian Sunday School Society, the Meadville Theological School, and the Meadville District Conference. The second is the Isles of Shoals Sunday School Institute, held under the auspices of the Unitarian Sunday School Society and the Isles of Shoals Summer Meetings Association. It begins July 16 and closes July 21.

The Meadville Institute

This Institute will be held for two weeks, beginning on Monday evening, June 26, and closing Monday noon, July 10. The sessions will be held at the Theological School.

Francis A. Christie, D. D., professor of Church History in the Theological School, will give a course of lectures on the subject, "How Christian Dogma Arose and Its Relation to Christian Experience." This course is given at the unanimous request of the members of last summer's school, and is an expression of the high appreciation of Dr. Christie's course then given. It will be of great value.

Rev. J. T. Sunderland, author of "The Bible, Its Origin, Growth and Character," "The Bible and the Bible Country," in the Beacon Series, a prominent writer, preacher and worker among Unitarians, will give a course of lectures on "The Use of the Bible in Religious Education." Mr. Sunderland's wide knowledge and experience will add greatly to the session.

Rev. William I. Lawrance, president of the Unitarian Sunday School Society, will be present and give lectures and hold conferences on subjects relating to the conduct of Sunday schools. By these and by personal counsel he hopes to be a direct help to the teachers and workers present.

In addition to these we are fortunate to be able to announce that Miss Marian Dudley Richards, of Brookline, Mass., will assist in the instruction. Miss Richards is a graduate of the Tuckerman School, is a Sunday-school teacher and superintendent, has been a worker in young people's organizations and in social service enterprises, and is well acquainted generally with the best work that is being done to-day in Unitarian churches. She will speak on such subjects as "How to Make Palestine Real to Children," "Industrial Training and the Social Service of the Church," "Summer Vacation Work of the Settlements and Churches."

Evening lectures of a general character will be given by Rev. L. W. Mason, D. D., Rev. Michael C. van M. Broeckman, D. D., and Rev. J. H. Applebee.

There will be an Exhibition Room, where Sunday-school and other publications will be shown and where catalogues of pictures, maps, models and general supplies may be examined.

The expense of attendance is thus estimated:

Board for two weeks	$10.00
Membership	3.00
Room	2.50
Total	$15.50

It is hoped that many teachers and others interested will attend these meetings. The Institute last year was largely attended, and all present were enthusiastic in their appreciation of the benefits and delights of the session.

Isles of Shoals

The programme for the Sunday School Institute, to be held at the Isles of Shoals July 17-21, is approaching completion. So far as arranged, there will be four general courses.

I. The Rev. Franklin D. Elmer of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., will give a course of lectures on the practical conduct of Sunday-school work, under the general title "The Master-Teacher in the School of the Church." Mr. Elmer has a national reputation as an expert in Sunday-school methods. Rev. B. S. Winchester, educational secretary of the Congregational body, speaks of him as "one of the foremost representatives of modern religious pedagogy." Prof. Henry F. Cope, secretary of the Religious Education Association, says that "Mr. Elmer is a master of Sunday-school methods, forceful as a prophet of Sunday-school ideals and foremost in their practice." Mr. Elmer has accumulated one of the largest exhibits of Sunday-school materials in the country, and will have the best portion of it with him at the Shoals, using it as the basis of his demonstrations. We regard ourselves as exceptionally fortunate in having this master of methods with us, and feel sure that his course will be highly instructive to all.

II. Prof. Nathaniel Schmidt, of Cornell University, will give a course of three lectures on Biblical subjects, his topics being "Isaiah," "Job," and "The Fourth Gospel." Dr. Schmidt is one of the foremost Biblical scholars in America, a bold thinker and a fascinating lecturer. For several years the directors of the Shoals' meetings have tried to engage him, feeling that he would be one of the most attractive speakers that could be secured, and the Sunday School Institute is particularly fortunate in having him on its programme. In continuation of this Biblical course, Rev. William I. Lawrance, president of the Sunday School Society, will give two readings from the Book of Genesis.

III. There will be a series of conferences on Sunday-school methods. Mrs. Clara B. Beatley, Billings Lecturer on Religious Education, will conduct one of these on "The Graded Sunday School." Mrs. Clara T. Guild, dean of the Tuckerman School, will conduct a conference on "The Adaptation of Kindergarten and Other Public School Methods to Sunday-School Work." Rev. William I. Lawrance will hold conferences on other aspects of the practical work of the Sunday school. Mrs. Caroline B. Lawrance will conduct a Bible-marking Hour, guiding in the selection of passages for reading and memorizing in Sunday-school work.

IV. There will be a series of evening lectures. Rev. Henry T. Secrist, of Meadville, will deliver a lecture on "The New Testament Apocryphal Writings." Rev. C. A. Hodges, of Troy, N. Y., will speak on "The Church as a Teaching Centre." One evening will be given over to story-telling. The week will close with the usual Friday evening entertainment.

Expenses for the week are estimated as follows:

Fares from Boston and return	$2.35
Board, one week	14.00
Membership fee	1.00
Total	$17.35

Membership is freely open to all interested. The fee of one dollar is necessary to secure board at the reduced price named. Fares from other New England cities than Boston at low rates. Those expecting to attend should apply for membership to Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, Morristown, N. J., enclosing one dollar for each person. Names, with proper prefixes, should be given, together with dates of expected arrival and departure. Parties so applying will find their rooms awaiting them on reaching the Shoals.

Programmes of both these Institutes may be obtained by request from the Unitarian Sunday School Society office, 25 Beacon St., Boston. Teachers and other Sunday-school workers will find these gatherings both instructive and restful, justifying attendance, even when at some personal sacrifice. Churches, schools, Alliances and parents could hardly make a better investment or do a more graceful act than to send teachers to one or the other of these Institutes. Sunday-school teachers give freely of their time, ability and strength, and deserve recognition. They are struggling with difficult problems, and need the help such Institutes are calculated to give. We commend these Sunday School Institutes to the consideration of all who have at heart the future of our church and the right development of our young people.

The Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Sunday School Society was held in King's Chapel, Boston, on May 26. Despite the fact that two other important meetings were in progress, having unusually attractive programmes, the attendance in the forenoon was large, and in the afternoon filled the church to its capacity. The morning session was opened with a service of song, conducted by Rev. Henry G. Spaulding, for many years secretary and executive officer of the Society. Rev. Howard N. Brown, minister of King's Chapel, offered prayer. Rev. Laurence Hayward, of Newburyport, was chosen clerk for the day, and the business of the session proceeded. The report of the last annual meeting was approved without reading, and the treasurer's report for the year was received in printed form.

The ballot for officers resulted in the election of the candidates proposed, so that the list of officers for the ensuing year is as follows:

Board of Directors: Rev. William I. Lawrance, Boston, Mass., *President*; Rev. John W. Day, St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. Allen French, Concord, Mass., *Vice-Presidents;* Miss Louisa P. Parker, Cambridge, Mass., *Clerk;* Mr. John H. Edwards, Waverley, Mass., *Treasurer.*

Term expires 1912: Rev. Charles W. Casson, Dorchester, Mass.; Mr. Frank H. Burt, Newton, Mass.; Rev. Clifton M. Gray, Charleston, S. C.; Mr. Benjamin James, South Boston, Mass.; Mrs. E. C. Moffatt, Dorchester, Mass.

Term expires 1913: Rev. Roger S. Forbes, Dorchester, Mass.; Mr. Geo. W. Woodbury, East Gloucester, Mass.; Mrs. Clara T. Guild, Boston, Mass.; Mr. O. Ellery Edwards, Jr., New York City; Rev. Eugene R. Shippen, Detroit, Mich.

Term expires 1914: Rev. Julian C.

Jaynes, West Newton, Mass.; Rev. Ernest C. Smith, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Harriet E. Johnson, Boston, Mass.; Mr. Lewis Parkhurst, Winchester, Mass.; Mr. C. Chester Lane, Cambridge, Mass.

One important matter of business was the adoption of a resolution pledging the Sunday School Society "to raise, during the fiscal year ending May 1, 1912, the sum of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000), that the great cause to which this Society is devoted may be adequately sustained."

The president of the Society, in his annual address, gave a resumé of the year's work, showing great activity on the part of the directors and marked loyalty on the part of churches, schools, Alliances and individuals. He pointed out the fact that 84 persons and 33 Alliances had contributed for the first time, and that donations had increased over previous years by 84 per cent. His own work in the field was shown by the fact that he had traveled more than 15,000 miles and had held more than 200 meetings in various parts of the country.

Rev. Frank S. C. Wicks spoke earnestly of the importance of bringing the church and the Sunday school into closer connection, that the adult members of the school might naturally pass into church membership.

The afternoon service was opened by another service of song, conducted by Mr. J. Russell Abbott. This feature of song, coming not only at the beginnings of the two sessions but at various other times during the day, did much to enliven the occasion and deepen the religious impression. The first hour of the afternoon was given to a consideration of the Boy Scout movement, by three persons, who spoke with the authority of experience. The second hour was devoted to story-telling and proved to be a fitting close, not only to the day's meetings, but to Anniversary Week. One story was taken from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, one from mediaeval legends, while the fourth, a touching story of a boy seeking an angel and finding the object of his search in his own mother, was given as a specimen of modern stories. The session closed with a vesper hymn, a silent prayer, and the benediction.

The financial progress of the past year has been so marked that the Society will probably be able to proceed at once to the choice of a second field officer, who will visit schools and churches for the purpose of promoting Sunday-school interests. Other plans for the development of our activities include the publication of kindergarten material, the revision and improvement of existing manuals, and the enlargement of *The Beacon*. Whatever specific advances are made, however, our constituents may be assured that their hearty support will be reflected immediately in increased activities. No effort is being made to build up a great central organization. We live, and intend to live, only among our schools and churches, and whatever strength comes to us from our constituents will be expended immediately in co-operation with them.

The Society looks forward to a year of greater success than the splendid year just closed. The loyal response of the past year assures us of the continued support of our fellow-workers. With one purpose, with a high consecration, and with the blessing of God, we hope to build up the cause of religious education until our churches shall feel the thrill of a new life and our denomination shall take its rightful place among the leaders of religious education in America.

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters; Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Rev. Henry H. Saunderson, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The tenth and last regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1910-1911 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, May 2, 1911, at 2.30 o'clock.

In the absence of the president, Vice-President Bates presided, and there were present: Miss Cline, Mr. Ives, Mr. McMurdie, Mr. Schumacher, Miss Simmons, and the secretary.

The secretary's minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer read his monthly report, stating that we had a balance on hand of $2,295.45.

The secretary and treasurer both reported that, in compliance with the vote passed at the last meeting, they had turned over all the books, papers, funds, property and assets of every name and nature of the unincorporated body to the newly incorporated Young People's Religious Union.

As this is the last meeting of the unincorporated society, it was voted to adjourn *sine die*.

Grace R. Torr, *Secretary.*

Young People's Religious Union, Incorporated

Board of Directors' Meeting.

The second meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union, as an incorporated body, was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, May 2, 1911, at 2.30 o'clock.

In the absence of the president, Vice-President Bates presided, and there were present: Miss Cline, Mr. Ives, Mr. McMurdie, Mr. Schumacher, Miss Simmons, and the secretary.

The report of the first meeting of the incorporators was approved.

The treasurer reported having turned over May 1, 1911, a balance of $2,295.45 as treasurer of the unincorporated Young People's Religious Union.

Voted: That the secretary be empowered to incur the necessary expenses for printing the annual report of the secretary and treasurer of the old unincorporated society.

The treasurer asked for information regarding the closing of the books; and he was instructed to close them May 1, money received and paid out after that date to be noted in a supplementary account.

The Fair Committee reported progress.

Voted: To confirm all votes of the unincorporated body that still remain to be carried out.

Voted: To adjourn.

Grace R. Torr, *Secretary.*

Officers and Directors for 1911-12

President—Rev. Dudley Hays Ferrell, Brockton, Mass.

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Rev. Abbot Peterson, Lancaster, Mass.; Rev. Albert R. Vail, Urbana, Ill.; Rev. Fred Alban Weil, Bellingham, Wash.

Secretary—Miss Grace R. Torr, Peabody, Mass.

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The Annual Meeting

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Young People's Religious Union was held in the auditorium of the South Congregational Church, Boston, Mass., on Thursday, May 25, of Anniversary Week. The afternoon session, at 2 o'clock, was given over to business, with election of officers, and reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, Finance, Fair, Incorporation, Nominating, Policy, and Union-at-Large Committees.

The Committee on Credentials found 113 accredited delegates present from eight different States: 94 from Massachusetts, 2 from Maine, 4 from New Hampshire, 1 from New York, 4 from Pennsylvania, 5 from Rhode Island, 2 from Vermont, and 1 from Washington.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following, that were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Y. P. R. U. expresses its hearty thanks to the Minister and Trustees of the South Congregational Church for their kindness in granting the use of the church for the afternoon and evening sessions of the Annual Meeting.

Resolved, That the Y. P. R. U. extends its fraternal greetings to the Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist Church, and wishes it God-speed and continued success in our common work of furthering the cause of liberal religion.

Resolved, That this meeting conveys its appreciation of the loyal and efficient services of the officers who have guided the policy of the Y. P. R. U. during the past year.

Resolved, That this meeting records its grateful acknowledgement of the untiring and cheerful endeavors of the Rev. Henry H. Saunderson in his three years' service as president of the Y. P. R. U.

Above is the list of officers and directors elected.

The Policy Committee's report was adopted as amended, it being the opinion that instead of the $600 recommended by the committee the unions raise $1,000 for the work of student assistants during the coming year.

Following the afternoon's business, the Boston Federation gave a reception to the outgoing and incoming officers. At 6.15 o'clock a bountiful collation was served by the federation, and at 7.15 the audience gathered again in the church for the evening session. After musical selections by Mrs. Thomas Weston, Jr., on the violin and Mr. Harry Weston on the organ, a devotional service was led by the retiring president, Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson, who introduced the following speakers: Rev. John H.

Lathrop of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly of Berkeley, Cal., whose subject was, "Our Work on the Pacific Coast;" Rev. Albert R. Vail of Urbana, Ill., on "The Work of Student Assistants"; and Rev. William I. Lawrance, on "Co-operation in Religious Education."

The violin selections of Mrs. Weston, as well as the special music of the chorus choir, made up of young people's voices in and around Boston, under the direction of Miss Marian D. Richards of the Boston Federation, added much to the occasion, and helped to make this annual meeting one of the best we have ever had. After a few words by the new president, Rev. Dudley H. Ferrell, the meeting closed with his benediction.

South Middlesex Federation

The meeting was opened by Rev. Marion F. Ham of Reading with a brief devotional service. The president then called the meeting to order and stated that the main objects of the meeting were to amend the constitution, as proposed at the last meeting, and to hear and act upon the report of the Social Service Committee.

The secretary's report of the last meeting was then read, accepted, and ordered filed. The roll was called, showing 119 delegates and six visiting delegates from the Boston Federation.

The constitution was then read, and after some discussion the two amendments were unanimously carried.

The chair then called for the report of the special committee, appointed to investigate the Social Service work of other Young People's Federations and report thereon, and also to recommend a plan of Social Service activity for this federation.

This report was accepted and placed on file.

At the evening session Rev. Samuel McChord Crothers led a devotional service. Dr. Crothers then introduced Rev. Alson H. Robinson as the first speaker.

Rev. Palfrey Perkins was next introduced. Build up the spiritual forces was his word, and the rest would follow.

Rev. D. Roy Freeman of Braintree was the last speaker. He gave innumerable facts and statistics calculated to awaken the sympathy of the hearers and to rouse a desire to aid in the reformation of great wrongs.

The meeting was then adjourned.

JOSEPHINE BRUORTON,
Secretary.

Boston Federation

The ninth annual meeting of the Boston Federation occurred Sunday, April 30, 1911, at the Church of the Disciples, in the Fenway, Boston, Mass.

The afternoon session convened at 4 o'clock, with a devotional service conducted by Mr. Louis P. Nash, who gave us a cordial welcome.

The president, in his opening remarks, reviewed briefly our work for the year.

The Boston Federation has contributed $35 to the Young People's Religious Union, of which ten dollars was for a life membership.

The Nominating Committee reported the list of officers and directors for the coming year, which was accepted by the federation, the new president being Mr. Frank E. Cook of East Boston. The retiring president, Mr. Sidney Kimball, was elected a life member of the National Union at this time.

The roll call showed a total of 175

delegates, among whom were two members from the Social Service Club of Dr. Hale's Church.

At 6.15 we enjoyed the hospitality of the Disciples' Guild and the usual social hour.

The evening session opened at 7.30, with a devotional service conducted by Rev. Charles W. Casson. The musical numbers rendered by Miss Fisher and Mr. Lynes deserve especial mention. Rev. Willard Reed preached a very helpful sermon, urging us to seek the best in all things. The meeting closed with his benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWINA BOOTH REYNOLDS,
Secretary.

Seventh Biennial Bazaar

Plans for the seventh biennial bazaar are already well under way. It may be interesting to note that the unions on the Pacific seaboard are endeavoring to co-operate by having what is likely to be known as a Pacific Coast Table, a distinctly new feature.

The general committee has arranged to hold the fair at Hotel Vendome, corner Commonwealth Ave. and Dartmouth St., Boston, Mass., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9, 10, and 11. There will be an entertainment on Thursday and Friday evenings, with special features for the children on Saturday afternoon.

Chairmen are needed for the Cake and Fancy Tables and for the Entertainment Committee. Anyone desiring to be of assistance should communicate with Miss Mallie J. Floyd, 56 Magnolia St., Dorchester, *immediately.*

If you have not already received one of the latest booklets, telling about the fair, be sure to send for one.

Life Membership

Six additions to our Life Membership List are reported this month, making the total number to date 175.

170. Mr. Arthur Ryder, West Bridgewater, Mass.
171. Mr. Sidney F. Kimball, Dorchester, Mass.
172. Mrs. Lovisa E. Hawley, Cortland, N. Y.
173. Mrs. Lew C. Hill, Boston, Mass.
174. Miss Eleanor T. Brooks, Dedham, Mass.
175. Adelbert Moot, Esq., Buffalo, N. Y.

This means that we have $1,750 in this Life Membership Fund, the interest only of which may be used. Part of the principal is invested in a good interest-paying bond, and it is hoped that the principal may increase so rapidly that we may be enabled to invest in another before very long.

It may be interesting to note that Mr. Ryder and Mr. Kimball were made life members through the courtesy of their federations; and it may be remembered that one or two of the federations have established the custom of making some interested worker, usually the president, a life member annually, an example which the other federations and some of the unions might do well to emulate.

Dates to be Remembered

Wednesday, July 12: Young People's Day at the Isles of Shoals Summer Meetings.

Tuesday, Oct. 24: Young People's Day at the National Conference, Washington, D. C.; 11.25 to 11.35 a. m., report from the president; at 4 p. m., public meeting of the Y. P. R. U.

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Joseph H. Crooker, *President*
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Charles H. Stearns, *Treasurer*, Brookline, Mass.

The New Champion of Temperance

It is a significant and hopeful sign that great insurance companies have begun to plead for total abstinence. In the last issue of *The Metropolitan* (Vol. 25, No. 11), published by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, a half dozen articles by eminent scientists are devoted to this subject, making it one of the best temperance documents ever issued.

Dr. Richard C. Cabot, of Boston, writes: "While alcohol affects the body, the greatest harm done by it (even so-called 'moderate drinking') is to the mind and brain. . . . . When a drug like alcohol affects one's judgment, one's memory, persistence, steadiness, self-control, manual skill, accuracy, and other mental qualities needed every day in business, we may well call it injurious to human beings. . . . . It is a very encouraging sign when Germany begins to object to the constant use of beer, and we may firmly believe that the last and most stubborn doubter of the evil effect of alcohol has at last been converted."

Dr. George W. Webster, president of the Illinois State Board of Health, refers to the remarkable researches of Dr. Smith at the great German university of Heidelberg, which showed that "the number of figures learned on fourteen 'alcohol days' (meaning a *moderate use*) was about 25 per cent. less than the number learned on thirteen days when no alcohol was taken"!

Richard Wright of Cambridge, Mass., presents many facts to show "How Alcohol Prevents Good Work," giving an impressive chart, which pictures the results of investigation by Dr. Stœhr of Wiesbaden, Germany, showing "that quantity and quality of the work accomplished *increased* as the amount of alcohol *decreased*."

Dr. Peterson of Columbia University presents the startling facts respecting the terrible injury done to children by alcohol, and concludes: "Medical men are, as a group, convinced of the need of restricting the sale of alcohol. Many go so far as to believe that alcohol as a drink must be abolished by law, and the law enforced."

An interesting article gives the startling conclusions of life insurance companies, showing that drinkers die much younger than abstainers, references being made to many authorities, among them to Dr. Ekhrens of the Swedish Life Insurance Company, who found that "for those over forty-three, the drinkers who died came 26 per cent. nearer the expected death rate than abstainers, which indicates that the heaviest damage done by alcohol occurs during the years of greatest ability."

This valuable document can be obtained by application to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, No. 1 Madison Avenue, New York City.

TWO SPRING BOOKS

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BY

Professor Dr. JOHANNES WEISS, of Heidelberg

Translated by V. D. DAVIS

In this, the latest addition to the "Theological Translation Library from the German," Dr. Weiss deals with the problem of the development of the dogma of the Deity of Jesus Christ, and especially with the evidences of its earlier stages as found in the New Testament, tracing the definite steps in the evolution of belief away from the simple humanity of Jesus towards his deification. And so the idea of Jesus being the "Christ" is the beginning of dogma in the early Church.

The author indicates what a prominent part was played by Paul in this development; yet in spite of the growth of Christological ideas, which find expression in the composition of the gospels, Professor Weiss makes it clear that in the earliest tradition Jesus was thought of "as 'Teacher,' as a readier scribe, of loftier spirit, a 'prophet,' as herald of the Kingdom of God."

The book is a study in evolution and in criticism. It is an excellent example of research into the nature and limits of thought to be found in the New Testament Scriptures. The author is here the man of science using his microscope; he is also comparable to the chemist, analyzing and synthesizing what he finds, and to real effect, for the labor ends in illuminating discovery.

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